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1. UGANDAN OPPOSITIONIST E. O. ALLIMADI (ONE-TIME UGANDAN AMBASSADOR TO US) ASKED EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER DROP BY HIS HOUSE EVENING MAR 13. THERE THEY WERE JOINED BY MATTHEW OPU (ONE-TIME UGANDAN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIGH COURT JUDGE), WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ALLIMADI FOR SOME TIME, AND COL. TITO OKELLO (FORMER UGANDAN BATTALION COMMANDER).

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO CONVEY APPRECIATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S OUTSPOKEN CONDEMNATION OF CRIMES OF IDI AMIN REGIME, AND TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS OF THEIR OPPOSITION GROUP. ALLIMADI SAID THEY WERE NOT ASKING FOR WEAPONS, BUT NEEDED FUNDS TO TRAVEL AND STIR UP INTERNATIONAL OPINION AGAINST AMIN'S REGIME, AND TO SUPPORT UGANDAN EXILES IN TANZANIA. HE SAID HIS GROUP HAD SOME 600 MEN AT THE KIGWA REFUGEE SETTLEMENT, WHO COULD

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BE TRAINED MILITARILY.

3. EMBOFF SAID USG COULD EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BUT WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN COVERT ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF DISSIDENT GROUPS.

4. ALLIMADI SAID THAT HIS GROUP WAS ALLOWED TO STAY IN TANZANIA,

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BUT WAS GIVEN NO ACTIVE SUPPORT BY TANGOV BECAUSE OF NYERERE'S COMMITMENT TO RESTORATION OF OBOTE, WHO THEY OPPOSED. KENYA, WHERE THE GROUP'S LEADER, MARTIN ALIKER, IS STILL LOCATED, WAS SOMEWHAT EASIER TO OPERATE IN THESE DAYS. ALLIMADI CITED BRITISH JOURNALIST DAVID MARTIN (LONDON OBERVER) AS A TOOL OF THE OBOTE FACTION.

5. OPU AND OKELLO (THE LATTER SPEAKING ONLY SWAHILI) REITERATED ALLIMADI'S APPEAL, BUT ADDED NOTHING NEW.

6. COMMENT: IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH EMBOFFS, ALLIMADI AND OPU HAD NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THEIR EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW AMIN REGIME, BEYOND SAYING THAT CONDITIONS WERE VERY DIFFICULT.
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